

Amendments to the Abstract

Please amend the Abstract as indicated below, wherein markup is employed to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version:

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~~An object of the present invention is to provide an~~ An apparatus employing a flashlight device such as an electronic still camera, a ~~camcorder~~ camcorder, etc. with an adequate luminous quantity during sensing an image, independently of an electric charge accumulation period in an image sensing device, thereby to make an adequate exposure obtainable no matter what a shutter speed may be.

~~An image sensing light incident from a subject is focused through a lens 101 on the image sensing device 102 for transforming photo-electrically the incident light into an electric signal to apply to a signal processing circuit 103, from which a desired image signal is transmitted. On that occasion when the flashlight device 105 is employed, a stroboscope control circuit 107 initiates a flashlight emission synchronously with a vertical synchronous signal supplied from a timing generator 104 while another stroboscope control circuit 106 terminates the flashlight emission when a timer counter 108, which has initiated a counting operation simultaneously with the initiation of the flashlight emission, counts a certain specified value.~~